

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 964 - SB 912**

February 28, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to develop guidelines to strengthen personal finance standards and for the SBOE to require that financial literacy concepts be included on standardized achievement testing in grades five and eight. Requires the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission (TNFLC) to conduct a formal review of personal finance standards currently taught in grades K-8 and recommend revisions to the SBOE, and to develop and report to the SBOE the means to include in existing standardized achievement testing for grades five and eight, as an additional social studies component, certain personal finance concepts.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$65,000**

Assumptions:

- According to the Treasury Department, the TNFLC will need to hire one full-time staff member to carry out the requirements of the bill. Currently, the TNFLC is staffed by existing Treasury Department employees.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures for the staff member will be \$65,000 (\$48,500 salary and \$16,534 benefits).
- The SBOE will develop guidelines and review the recommendations of the TNFLC within the normal course of business and will not schedule meetings for these purposes exclusively.
- Once recommendations are approved for testing purposes, the state Department of Education will incorporate new concept questions into the overall testing redesign that takes place periodically. Costs for new concepts will be included in the overall new test development expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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